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President's Report

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The results of the 28th annual consecutive CZSG Mail Sale will be known by the time you receive this issue. Laurels to Dick Salz and his unpaid staff for the hard work they contribute to a labor of love. Please examine the Financial Statement prepared by CZSG Treasurer Richard F. Larkin in the previous (Second Quarter, 1999) *CZP*. The income from many years of CZSG Mail Sales has given us the financial cushion to publish quality work of philatelic scholarship far beyond the scope of most small collectors' organizations. Potential authors with analytical and reportorial skills plus a bright idea will find a friendly reception from the Publications Committee.

Therefore, our congratulations to Jerry Craig, whose Handbook on SRC-dated Canal Zone stamps was included free to members in the envelope with the previous *CZP*. Your publication remains the best \$8 a year bargain in philately.

My thanks to the Nominating Committee (George Campbell, Irwin Gibbs, and David Leeds as Chairman) for their efforts. Voting for CZSG Officers and Directors to serve Jan. 1, 2000-Dec. 31, 2001 will ensue.

The American news media continues to take note of the delivery of the Canal to the Panamanians. One of the 'Big Three' TV networks devoted a 30 second video byte on the national evening news to the departure of the regional U.S. Army headquarters from Fort Clayton. An individual who wrote a letter to the editor which was published in a major philatelic publication offered the point of view that a black bordered mourning stamp will be needed at year end to mark the turnover of the Canal to Panama. I'm afraid it is a little late to influence the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, but mourning covers are something else. All you cachet makers of a certain persuasion can get busy with those laser jet printers. CZSG as a group has, of course, no opinion on the subject.

Please note elsewhere in this issue the outstanding chart by Richard H. Salz and Richard D. Bates, Jr. about previous CZSG Mail Sales. It confirms the continuity of values and the results of members' fulsome work in Canal Zone stamps over more than a quarter century.

Canal Zone Specimen Booklet Panes

By: Richard F. Larkin, Jim Crumpacker, David J. Leeds and Gary B. Weiss



Fig. 1. One centesimo Panama Coat of Arms issue, unissued booklet pane. CZSG 68a.S, F7428, 11.2mm Specimen OP.

Among the American Bank Note Co. Canal Zone "Specimen" archive material sold in the early 1990s was a quantity of sheets and half-sheets of booklet pane stamps, a few sheets of booklet covers, and some complete booklets. These were all the cut-edge booklets printed during the period from 1916 to 1923, with overprint types II, IV, and V, the 1921 Centenary Issue and the unissued Coat of Arms series (Scott No. 38-69). The "handmade" booklet panes of overprint types I and II (Scott No. 31c-39g) were made from regular sheet stamps of the period (see illustrations on pp. 264 and 265 of *Canal Zone Stamps*). There are no Specimen sheets specifically related to these perforated-edge panes, other than the sheets of the regular stamps discussed in earlier articles. Type III overprinted stamps were locally produced and not issued as booklets.

Among the especially interesting items in the sale were uncut sheets of booklet panes of the one- and two-centesimo Panama Coat of Arms issue (Scott No. 68-69), which were not issued as booklet panes. Although both sheet stamps and booklet panes of the one and two centesimo stamps of this issue were printed, and the sheet stamps were regularly issued, it had been believed that all copies of these booklet panes were destroyed after the changeover to overprinted United States stamps in 1924, so no collector had previously seen examples of these panes.

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Coming:

**WESTPEX 2000,
April 28-30**

CZSG and COPAPHIL as guest societies will sponsor a combined exhibit. Prospectuses available from: Exhibit Chairman, Donald E. Green, at Box 2357, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

APS AmeriStamp 2000

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 18-20, 2000

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CZ #16-17

Call for Information!

CZSG member seeks photocopies of Canal Zone #16-17b. Of particular interest are sheets, large blocks, and other plateable material. The purpose is to verify an undescribed workup on 16b and/or others and study the pattern of breaks in upper and lower bars to help identify positions associated with other varieties and errors. The results will be published in the *CZP*. Please forward material to Editor.

Revisiting the CZSG survey of 1992 may be of interest to our new members. The top six Canal Zone cover collecting categories listed in order of interest are: 1st - air mail covers, 2nd - regular usage covers, 3rd - first day covers, 4th - postal marking on covers, 5th - picture post cards, 6th - first flight covers. (*CZP* Whole #103)

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CZSG Officer Nominations:

The CZSG Nominating Committee takes pleasure in unanimously nominating the following CZSG members for the next term as officers:

For President:	James W. Crumpacker
For Vice President:	Richard H. Salz
For Treasurer:	Richard F. Larkin
For Secretary:	John C. Smith
For Director at Large:	Paul Ammons
(three to be elected)	Richard Bates
Alen Bentz	
Gary B. Weiss	

CZSG Nominating Committee:

David J. Leeds (Chair)
George Campbell
Irwin Gibbs

Winners:

Postage Stamp Mega Event, ASDA/USPS/APS June 24-27, Anaheim, California; an invitational show of 28 5-frame exhibits. The awards were three Gold and all the rest 2-Ounce Silver. 2-Ounce Silver Awards to Irwin Gibbs for "Canal Zone Postal Stationery 1907-1924", and to David J. Leeds for "Canal Zone 1904-1924".

APS'99 Cleveland Show

The CZSG held a meeting during the Cleveland APS show at the Convention Center on August 28, 1999. The meeting started with Gary Weiss giving a short but very interesting talk on Canal Zone license plates with revenue stickers attached, tying the stickers in with a way out form of postage.

Brad Aleshire gave the main presentation on "Gems of Canal Zone Philately." The slides pictured most of the jewels of Canal Zone philately. Stamps that would make the biggest collector envious. The meeting of 12 members ended with talk of the show and what was found. One note worthy cover was found with a Perf P #40 on a cut down cover.

To conclude, the CZSG would like to thank all those involved in making the meeting a success. A big thank you goes to William Penney for his many hours helping man the APS Affiliate table on behalf of the CZSG.

John C. Smith

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Canal Zone Domestic and Local Postal Rates and Fees

by Tom Brougham †

Domestic Airmail Rates

The first airmail rate in effect from February 10 to March 19, 1929 could be paid with either Canal Zone or United States stamps. This rate was the then current surface rate plus an airmail surcharge.

With the change to the March 20, 1929 rate, airmail service required prepayment by Canal Zone airmail stamps only. United States stamps and regular Canal Zone stamps could not be used for airmail service over the Cristobal-Miami route by order of the CZ Director of Posts. Presumably this order was rescinded within a few years but when is not yet recorded.

LETTER

25¢ per 1/2 oz + 2¢ per oz	02/10/29
25¢ per 1/2 oz	03/20/29
20¢ per 1/2 oz	01/01/30
15¢ per 1/2 oz	12/01/37
6¢ per 1/2 oz, Army only	01/19/42
6¢ per 1/2 oz, all Military	01/26/42
10¢ per 1/2 oz	04/01/45
5¢ per oz	10/01/46
6¢ per oz	01/01/49
7¢ per oz	08/01/58
8¢ per oz	01/07/63
10¢ per oz	01/07/68
11¢ per oz	05/16/71
13¢ per oz	03/02/74
17¢ per oz	12/31/75
15¢ per subsequent oz	

POSTCARD

25¢+1¢-2/10/29	same as letter
same as letter	same as letter
same as letter	same as letter
same as letter	same as letter
same as letter	same as letter
4¢ - 01/01/49	
5¢ - 08/01/58	
6¢ - 01/07/63	
8¢ - 01/07/68	
9¢ - 05/16/71	
11¢ - 03/02/74	
14¢ - 12/31/75	

Domestic airmail rates were effectively abolished on January 10, 1976. From that date on all mail from the Canal Zone bearing first class surface postage was given the fastest available transportation, i.e. airmail service. Nonetheless, some senders continued to pay the airmail rate unnecessarily.

Local Airmail Rate (to David, Panama)

10¢ + surface rate	06/20/29
5¢ + surface rate	by 03/24/31

Domestic Steamer-Plane Service Rate

This service provided for surface carriage to the continental United States and then by domestic air mail service in the U.S.

Beecher and Wawrukiewicz and USPD sources seem to indicate all the following possible rates could apply to in-coming and outgoing mail wanting airmail in the U.S. only. However, CZ sources and covers known to the author confirm only four entries below. It is probable that the CZ postal authorities exercised their discretion and promulgated rates that recovered CZPO costs of transporting mail to the U.S. It appears likely that only the rates marked by asterisks are real CZ rates.

LETTERS AND POSTCARDS

10¢ per 1/2 oz	02/01/27
8¢ per 1/2 oz plus 2¢ per oz	02/xx/28
5¢ per oz for letters	08/01/28*
5¢ per 1st oz, 10¢ each add'l oz	by 5/1/29*
10¢ per 1st oz, 15¢ each add'l oz	07/06/32*
8¢ per oz	11/21/34 (or 7/1/34?)
6¢ per oz	07/15/36*
(US domestic rate)	8¢ per oz on 03/26/44)

*Only these Steamer-Plane rates are confirmed by covers seen by the author.

This service was effectively abolished on 10/01/46 when full airmail-to-US service was reduced to 5 cents per oz between all U.S. Possessions. The Steamer-Plane rate appears to have fallen into non-use after the U.S. entered World War II.

† continuing series, see CZP 131:9 for introduction. David Leeds and Gary Saum provided additional illustrations.



Fig. 1. 25¢+2¢ Rate, FAM-5, (second flight), Feb 22, 1929, commercial usage.

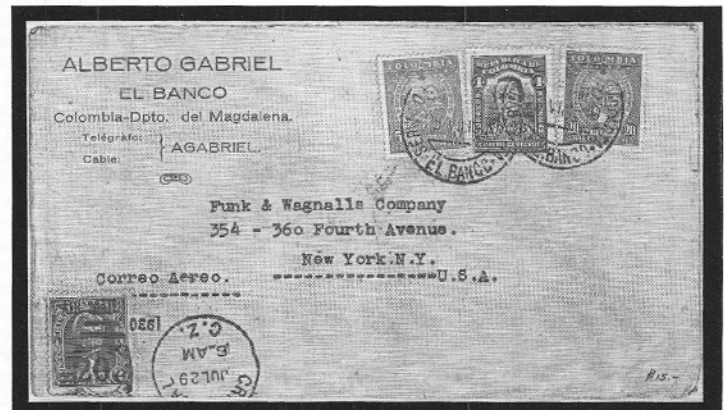


Fig. 2. 20¢ Rate, Jul 29, 1930, SCADTA cover.

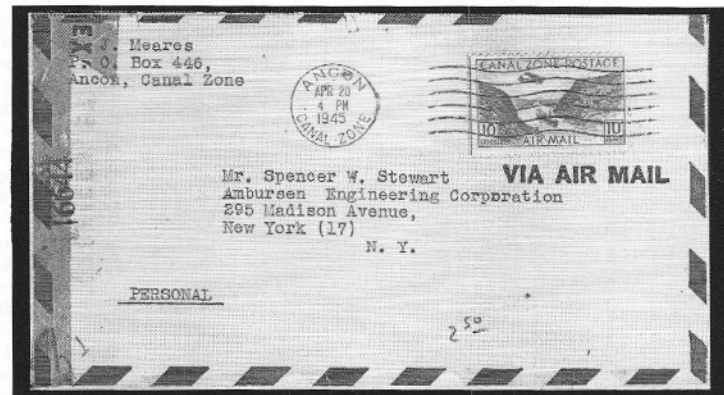


Fig. 3. 10¢ Rate, Apr 20, 1945, Censored cover

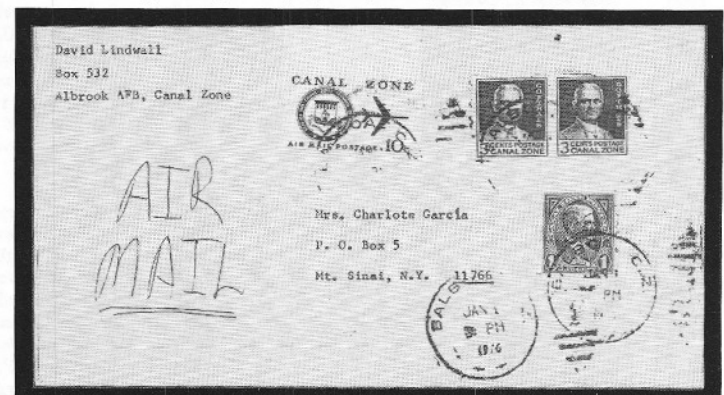


Fig. 4. The last domestic airmail letter rate in effect from 12/31/75 through 01/09/76. After that, all domestic first-class CZ mail received fastest available transportation without additional postage.

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Fig. 5. 25c+1c on UX 9, Post Card Rate, FAM-5, Feb 9, 1929

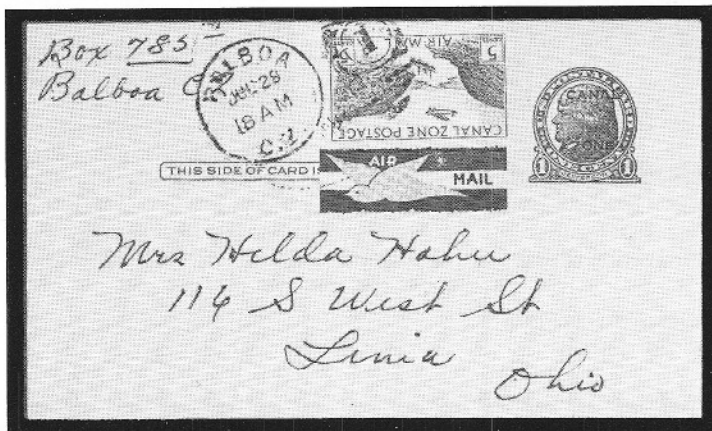


Fig. 6. 6c on UX10, Post Card Rate, Jul 29, 1949



Fig. 7. 9c on UXC4, Post Card Rate, Oct 20, 1973

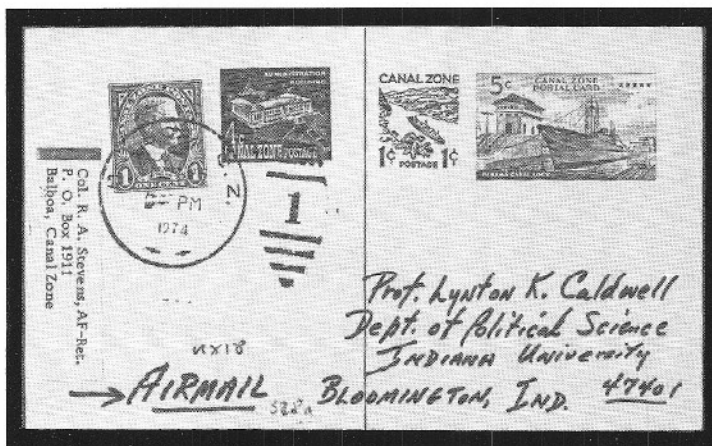


Fig. 8. 11c on UX18, Post Card Rate, Mar 26, 1974

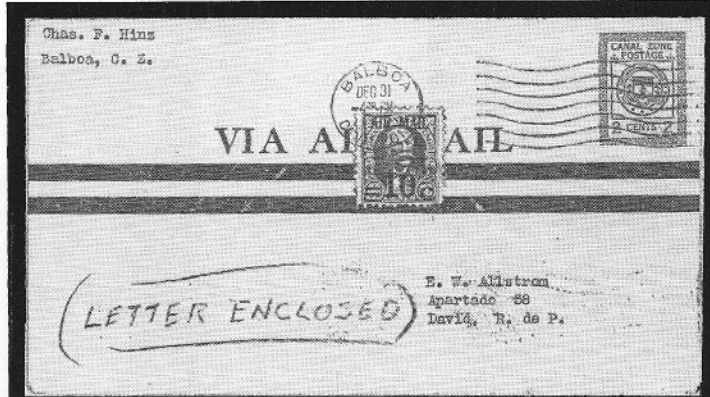


Fig. 9. 10c+2c Rate, "local" airmail cover dated 12/31/29. regular airmail service was available between the Canal Zone (via Cristobal) and the Panamanian city of David. Prior to the end of WWII (at least) the rate was the prevailing local surface rate (2 or 3 cents per ounce) plus the Panamanian internal airmail fee.



Fig. 10. 2c+5c Rate, "local" airmail cover dated Mar 24, 1931

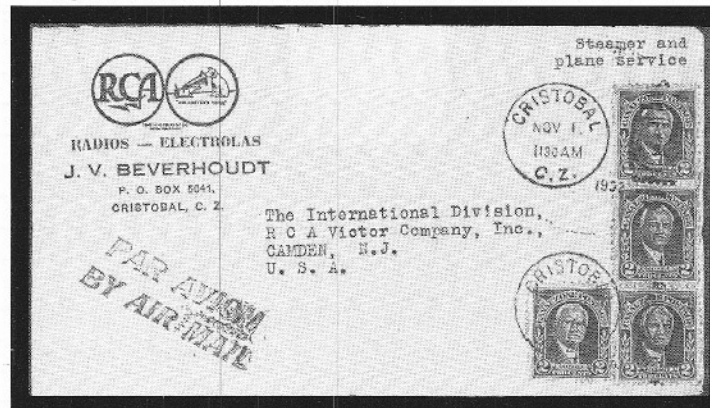


Fig. 11. 8c Nov 1, 1932, Steamer Plane service (to Havana, then Air)

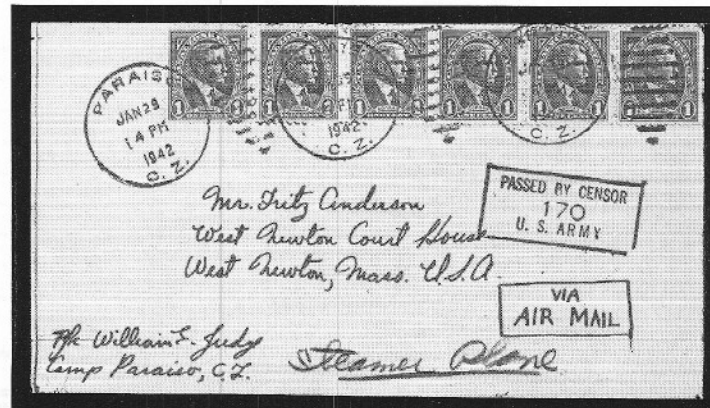


Fig. 12. There are many 6 cent airmail covers from military personnel during WWII. This one is marked "Steamer Plane" and dated 1/29/42. In theory Army personnel were eligible for the 6 cent airmail-all-the-way rate on 1/19/42. Perhaps this cover was too heavy or perhaps the special military rate was actually operative in the CZ somewhat later.

Canal Zone Specimen Booklet Panes

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Most of the "Canal Zone" overprint types (II, IV, V), denominations (1c, 2c), and "Specimen" overprint typefaces (see previous articles in CZP for illustrations) and colors (red and blue) were present in multiple copies — two to four sheets of each; see the listing below for details. A majority of the full sheets was subsequently broken up into smaller blocks of panes, so more collectors would have a chance to own examples. However, for all issues except No. 52b, one intact sheet was not broken up, and these still exist. The two sets of sheets of booklet covers are also still intact. Most of these were exhibited at PACIFIC 97. (Of the estimated 40 sheets in the sale, at least ten, but no more than 12, are still intact.)

In addition, the sale included 12 intact booklets of Specimen stamps. A separate article on these is in preparation.

After a stamp by stamp examination of the booklet material, two major and one minor errors were found: one sheet with two stamps without the "Specimen" overprint; one stamp (from a different sheet) which lacked the punched hole found on all the other Specimen



Fig. 2. 2c Type IV CZ OP, CZSG 53c.SC, F6408. 15.3mm Specimen OP missing "punched hole" on middle section of right sheet.

stamps (Fig. 2.), and two stamps (from a third sheet) with a different font "Specimen".

Apart from these, the only varieties were the normal minor variations in the spacing of Canal Zone, the angle of the Specimen overprint, location on the stamp of the overprint and the punched hole. Many of the sheets have some separated perforations, and small pieces of selva are missing from several.

A question persists as to the size of the original unbroken printer's sheet or pane. After examination of a quantity of the sheets it became apparent the printing form was three rows with eight small panes of six stamps wide — a complete sheet consisting of 24 panes of six. A few of the large sheets were folded, Fig. 4., but most were cut on the centerline making the half-sheet — three columns of four panes each for a total of 12 panes. These split sheets were of course left and right halves, cut at the imprinted centerlines. Wide margins were on the left and right respectively.

Several of the full sheets were broken (perhaps from folding for archiving) on a vertical perforation making two unequal "half-sheets" 4+ and 3+ wide, Fig. 5. The format of the Coat of Arms stamps is slightly smaller so there was no problem in storage. All these sheets were the full 24 small panes of 6, Fig. 3.

Following is what is believed to be an accurate list of the original Specimen booklet sheet material in the ABNCo. Sale:

CZSG S#	Denomination (centesimo) OP Type	# of sheets / Position	Sheet size ² (Panels)	Quantity Panes/6	Job No.	Date (stamped) in sheet margin	Canal-Zone Spacing (mm) ³	Specimen Overprint Color	Specimen Overprint Length	Comments
Stamps										
39c.SA	2 c, II	2, Full	24	48	F4853	none	7.75	Blue	14.2 mm	
39c.SB	2 c, II	3, Right	12	36	F5378	Aug. 8, 1917	7.75	Blue	14.2 mm	
39c.SB	2 c, II	1, Left	12	36	?	?	?	Blue	14.2 mm	
52b.S	1 c, IV	2, Full	24	48	F5449	Nov. 17, 1917	9	Red	14.3 mm	Both sheets in poor condition
53c.SA	2 c, IV	2, Full	24	48	F5449	Nov. 17, 1917	9	Red	14.3 mm	2 stamps — 13 mm "different font" Specimen
53c.SB	2 c, IV	3, Left	12	36	F5966	May 1, 1919	9.15	Red	13.8 mm	
53c.SB	2 c, IV	1, Right	12	12	F5966	May 1, 1919	?	Red	13.8 mm	
53c.SC	2 c, IV	4, Right	12	48	F6408	none	8.5 — 9	Red	15.3 mm	1 sheet: 2 stamps missing "Specimen" 1 sheet: 1 stamp missing "punched hole"
55e.S	1 c, V	3, Right	12	36	F6569	Oct. 22, 1920	8.75 — 9.25	Red	13.8 mm	
55e.S	1 c, V	1, Left	12	12	F6569	Oct. 22, 1920	?	Red	13.8 mm	
56g.S	2 c, V	2, Left	12	24	F6569	Oct. 22, 1920	8.75 — 9.25	Red	13.8 mm	
56g.S	2 c, V	2, Right	12	24	F6569	Oct. 22, 1920	8.75 — 9.25	Red	13.8 mm	
60b.S	1 c, V	2, Left	12	24	F6781	Jun. 1, 1921	8 — 8.25	Red	11.2 mm	
60b.S	1 c, V	2, Right	12	24	F6781	Jun. 1, 1921	8 — 8.25	Red	11.2 mm	1 sheet: missing 3 stamps
61f.S	2 c, V	2, Left	12	24	F6781	Jun. 1, 1921	8.75 — 9.25	Red	11.2 mm	1 sheet: missing 1 stamp
61f.S	2 c, V	2, Right	12	24	F6781	Jun. 1, 1921	8.75 — 9.25	Red	11.2 mm	
68a.S	2 c, V	3, Full	24	72	F7428	Oct. 17, 1923	8.1 — 8.25	Red	11.2 mm	1 sheet: missing 3 stamps
69a.S	2 c, V	3, Full	24	72	F7428	Oct. 17, 1923	8.1 — 8.25	Red	11.2 mm	1 sheet: missing part of 1 stamp
		40 total								
Covers⁴										
Type D	1 c	1 set	12	—	F6781	none	—	Punched	54	Printed for 1-ct. stamps
Type D	2 c	2 sets	12	—	F6781	none	—	Punched	54	Printed for 2-ct. stamps

Notes: No sheets of No. 38b were present.

¹ "Number in Sale" column lists alternatives, that means the total number of left and right sheets is known, but the exact breakdown between left sheets and right sheets is not.)

² "Sheet size" refers to the material as sold, not the original size of printed sheets.

³ Many sheets have minor variations in overprint spacing. These will be discussed at a later time.

⁴ These sets of covers consist of two sheets each, for the cover fronts and backs. The words, "SPECIMEN ABNCo." are hole punched into each sheet (in the style of a perfin stamp), apparently using the same punch as was used for the CZ postal stationery (see CZP 124, p. 27).

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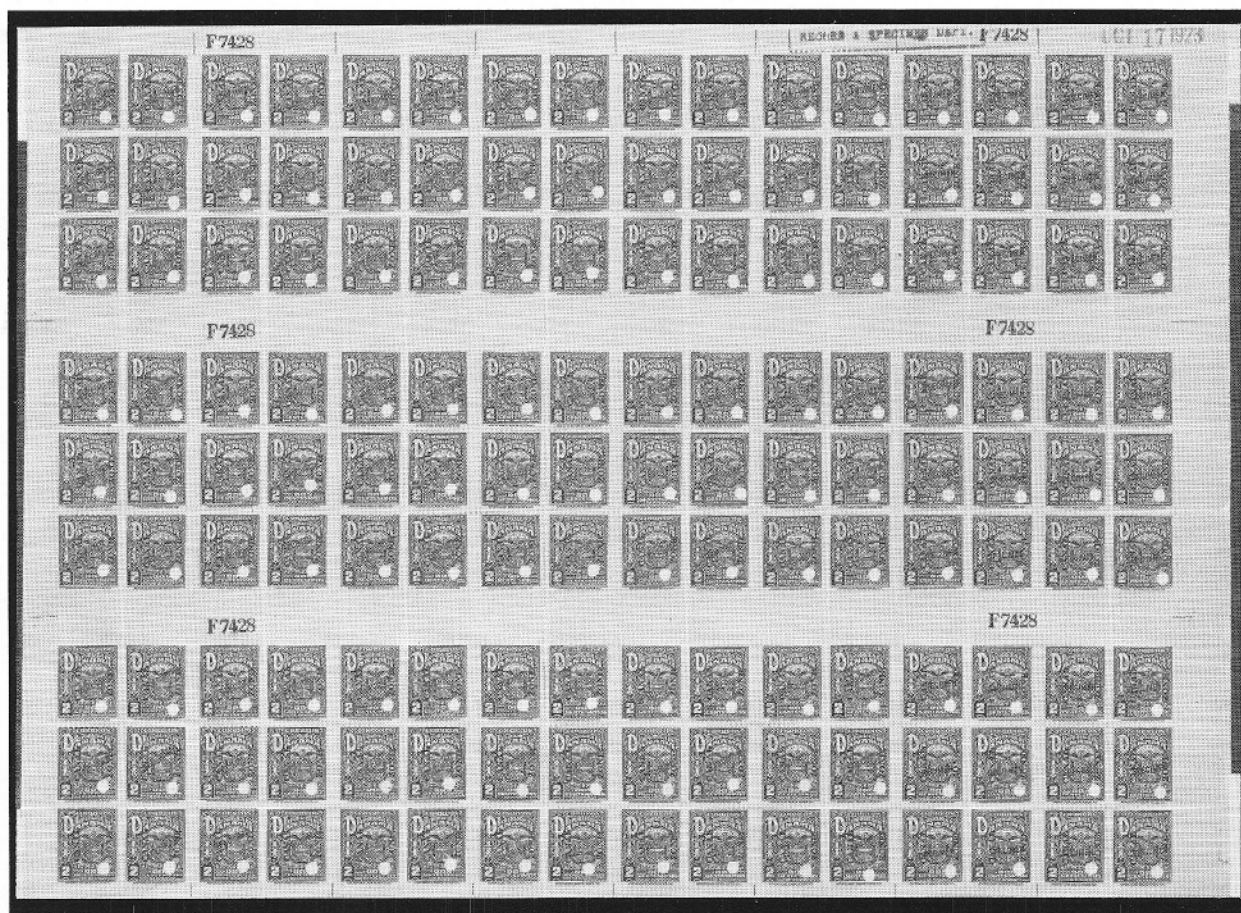


Fig. 3. Two centesimo Panama Coat of Arms issue, unissued booklet pane, uncut sheet. CZSG 68a.S, 11.2mm Specimen OP. F7428 and "RECORD & SPECIMEN DEPT." marginal markings.

The next question was to the makeup of the CANAL / ZONE overprint. Was the overprint set up for two impressions of 12 panes each, or one impression of the full 24 panes of six? Or, in other words, did the impression cover 72 stamps or 144?

It would appear simplistic to compare the minor variations to see if the printing from both the left and right panes are identical, or conversely, if the minor variations on one half do not match those on the other half. Variations observed were spacing between CANAL and ZONE, broken letters, and alignment. Unfortunately, the first Type II panes examined CZSG 39c.SB turned out to be indeterminate. While some characteristics were repeated left and right, a distinct spacing anomaly exists on one side only. Further study may resolve this question.

The Type IV overprints are much simpler. There are enough similarities in the CANAL / ZONE spacing of both printings (F5966 and F6408) that a 72-stamp (1/2 sheet) overprint setup is certain. This is the case even though within the print order sheets were preserved both folded on perforations and cut at the imperforate centerline. A mismatch in the positions of the overprint occurs on one of the folded sheets (at position 8-9) further confirming the 72-stamp overprint setup.

The SPECIMEN overprints on the Type IV stamps provided the most variety, none of which was present on Type II or V: different

font SPECIMEN on several stamps, no SPECIMEN, and no punched hole, Fig. 2.

The Type V overprints were also a 72-stamp overprint setup with only very minor differences between the two denominations.

Several panes of six of the 1921 Centenary commemoratives were broken, missing stamps. The 1 centesimo stamp had different 72-unit overprints for the left and right half sheets. For the 2 centesimos stamp the identical form was used for both left and right half sheets, the same form that was used for the Type V booklets.

The smaller format of the Coat of Arms set permitted the use of a single 144 unit overprint with a font similar to that used on the Portrait Type V series. An interesting characteristic is the absence of the dropped E so common in the sheet version of this Issue.

The sheets contain many of the same marginal markings discussed in earlier articles about these stamps. These include the marginal markings originally included as part of the printing of the sheets themselves, and the various added "Return to [Record & Specimen Dept.] or [Issue room]", dates and archiving "F" order numbers. These markings will be discussed further and illustrated in a subsequent article.

It is difficult to comment on the value of this material, since most of it was originally sold in lots of several sheets, some of which were not in good condition, and parts of which have

subsequently been broken up. Resales have been few in number so far. If one were to generalize, on average, an uncut booklet sheet in decent condition sold for between \$1,500 and \$3,000 in the original ABNCo. Sale. One uncut sheet has subsequently been offered for sale for \$5,000.

Additional Specimen-like items were sold in 1991 by the same auction house which sold the ABN archives. These items were not identified as from ABNCo., but may have been. These are two blocks of four panes of 53c, each including nine imperforate between pairs, and two strips of four covers. These blocks of stamps had no overprint (except Canal Zone) of any kind, and no security punch. The engraved F-number printed in the selvage is F4853 (which identifies the blocks as coming from the right side of the original sheets - since the left side has no engraved F-number); there is no Foreign job number. At least one of the blocks has had a block of nine stamps (one and one-half panes, with three imperforate between pairs) cut off from it. The strips of covers are Type D, 2c-12, printed on greenish stock, with a red Specimen overprint, the job number F5966 printed in red, and a handstamped date of May 1, 1919 (these are consistent with some of the Specimen sheets of 53c). There is no proof the cover strips originally belonged with the blocks of panes, although they were sold together.

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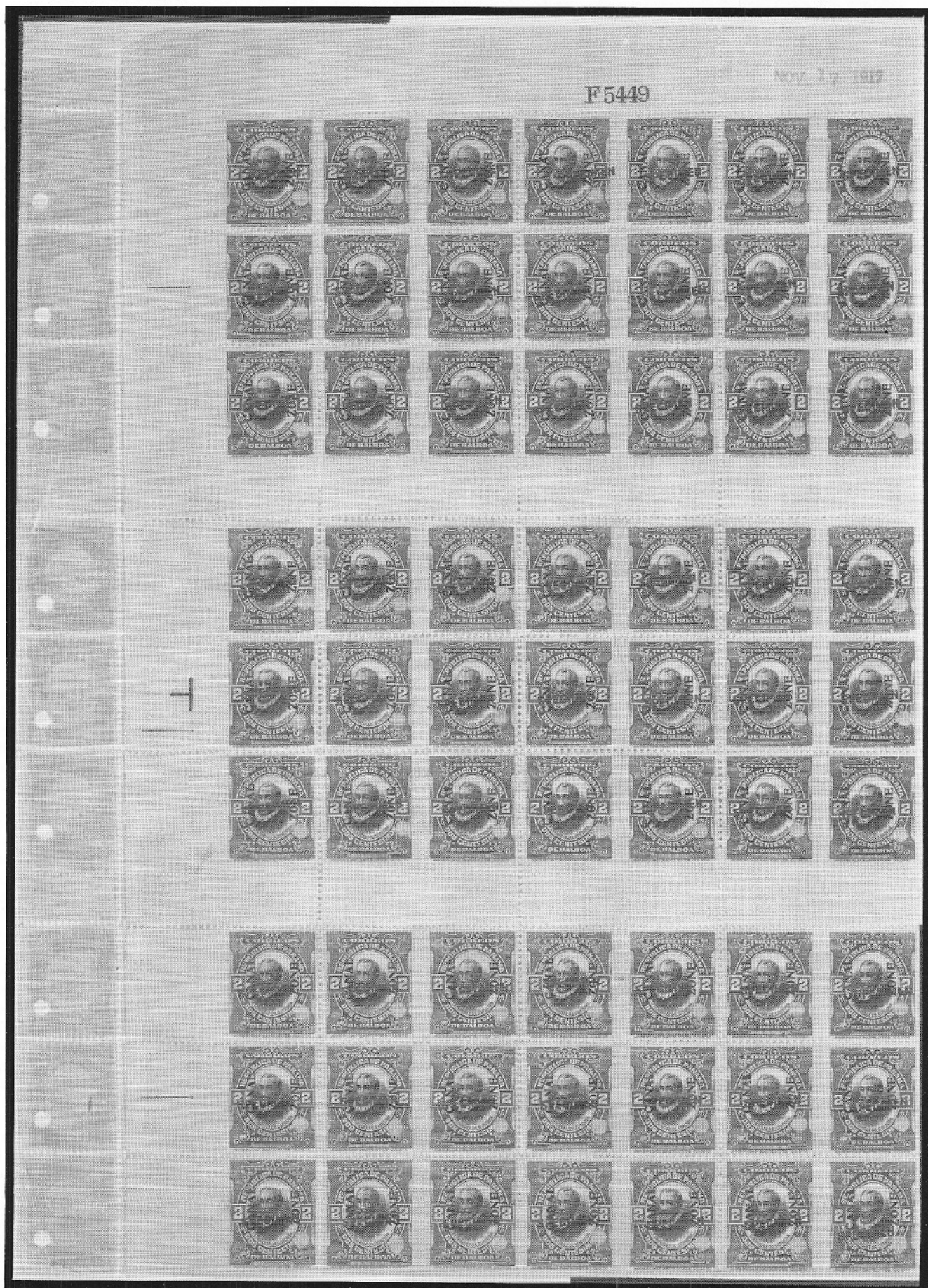


Fig. 4. 2c, CZSG 53c.SA, F5449. 14.3mm Specimen OP Full sheet, (right side folded over) note "punch holes" left of selvage. "NOV 17 1917" and "T" marginal markings.

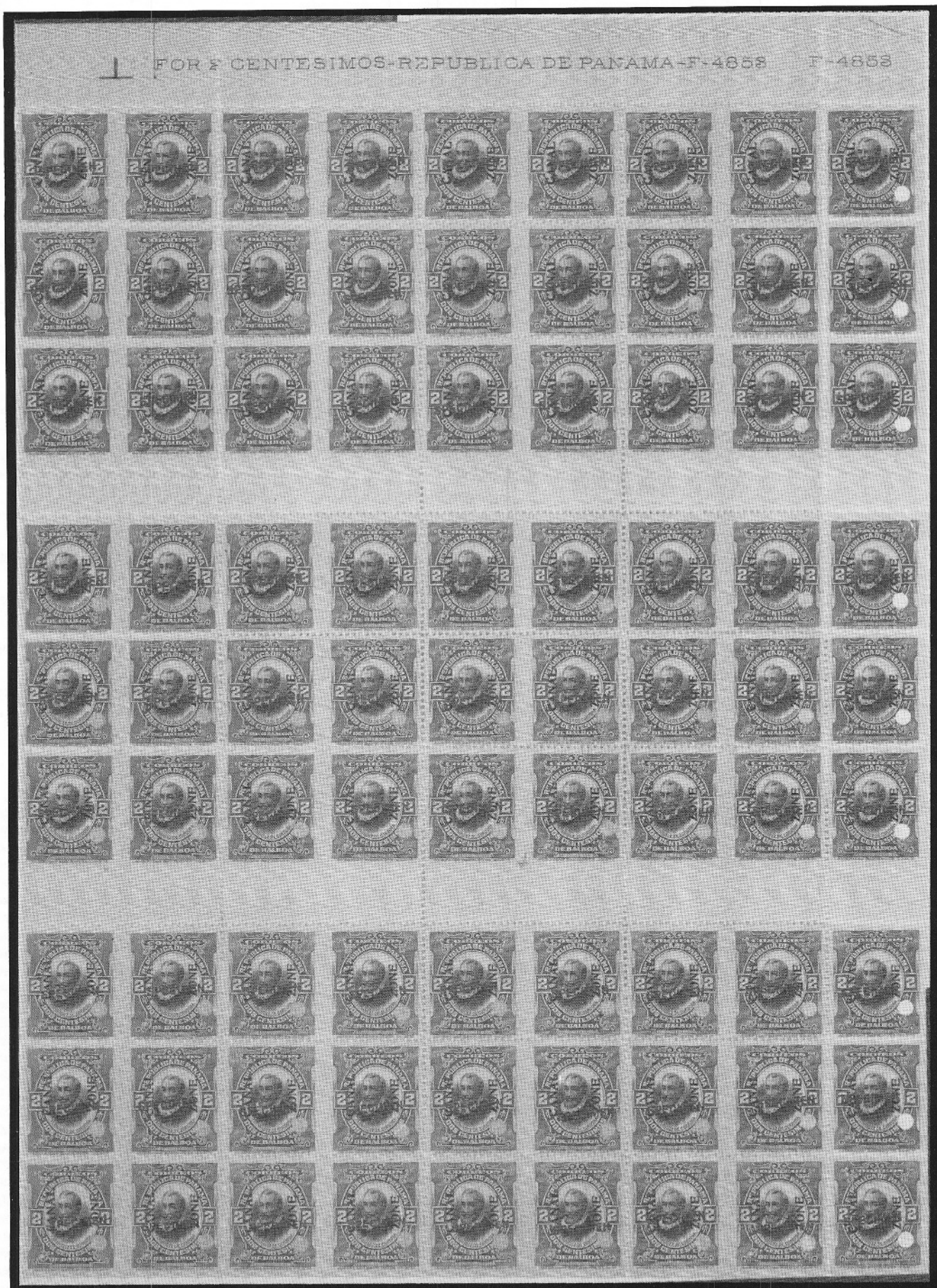


Fig. 5. 2c, CZSG 53c.SB, F5449, 13.8mm Specimen OP. Right side of sheet, (no right side selvage). "FOR 2 CENTESIMOS-REPUBLICA DE PANAMA-F-4853", engraved "F-4853" and "T" marginal markings.

Auctions

by Jim Crumpacker

The second calendar quarter, April 1 through June 30, 1999 was not a beehive of activity for Canal Zone stamps. However, a June auction with 50 CZ lots by the Bennett firm of Baltimore saved the period from complete torpidity.

The total selling price (hammer plus commission) is given first and is followed by the catalogue value, in parenthesis, from the 1999 Scott's Specialized.

- 1, OG, HR, F-VF \$165 (\$550) Bennett
- 3, F on F cover La Boca 7/12/04 to CZ \$209 (\$325) Bennett
- 3, F+ on VF cover Ancon 7/12/04 to Colon via Cristobal 7/13/04 \$132 (\$325) Rumsey
- 7, OG, NH, VF \$275 (\$175) Bennett
- 18a, ZONE antique, OG, H, VF in bl. 4 w/ 3 normals \$264 (\$365) Bennett
- 19a, b, CANAL antique and ZONE antique, TG, H, F in bl. 9 w/ 7 normals \$184 (\$835) Kelleher
- 25a, horiz. pair imperf. between and at left margin, OG, H, F two pairs in bl. 4 \$1725 (\$4000) Kelleher
- 32c, complete booklet of 4 handmade panes, OG, NH, couple panes trimmed 1 side by knife o/w F-VF, CZSG 32c.5 \$3575 (\$3000) Bennett
- 33a, double overprint, OG, H, F \$286 (\$375) Bennett

- 33a, double overprint, OG, H, barely F \$144 (\$375) Kelleher
- 39e, inverted center and overprint reading down, OG, H, VF+ \$605 (\$700) Rumsey
- 39e, inverted center and overprint reading down, OG, HR, F margin copy \$242 (\$700) Bennett
- 39g, complete booklet of 2 handmade panes, OG, NH, trimmed 1 side by knife o/w F-VF, 8 1/2mm spacing CZSG 39g.3 \$2970 (\$2000) Bennett
- 39g, complete booklet of 4 handmade panes, OG, interl. adheres to panes and panes trimmed 1 side by knife o/w F, 9 1/4mm spacing, a new variety if accurately described \$1485 (\$4000) Bennett
- 48, OG, NH, VF margin copy \$319 (\$550) Bennett
- 48, OG, NH, F \$198 (\$550) Bennett
- 53b, horiz. pair, right stamp w/o overprint, TG, H, barely F margin copy \$661 (\$2000) Kelleher
- 55e, booklet pane of 6, OG, NH, small dimple in 1 stamp o/w VF \$2860 (\$1500) Bennett
- 56b, double overprint, one reading down, OG, HR, barely F \$243 (\$650) Aldrich
- 56d, horiz. pair, left stamp w/o overprint, OG, NH, VF+ margin copy \$1430 (\$1000) Shreve's
- 60b, booklet pane of 6, OG, NH, F-VF \$1210 (\$900) Bennett

- 66, used, F-VF \$58 (\$100) Aldrich
- 67, used, F \$127 (\$200) Aldrich
- 84, bl. of 8 incl. pl. bl. of 6 w/ 5-pointed star, #17890-UR, OG, 6NH 2HR, F-VF \$1093 (\$1810) Kelleher
- 84a, b, CANAL only and ZONE CANAL, in vert. pair w/ top margin, OG, H, VF-XF \$2200 (\$1850) Bennett
- 84b, ZONE CANAL, OG, H, F+ \$358 (\$350) Bennett
- 91a, ZONE only, OG, H, F \$605 (\$800) Bennett
- 97b, booklet pane of 6, OG, HR's, almost VF \$286 (\$650) Bennett
- J20c, double overprint, OG, H, almost VF \$523 (\$425) Bennett
- OX1, full sheet of 8, no gum as issued, VF \$385 (\$350) Bennett
- OX2, 2a, full sheet of 8, no gum as issued, 3 are OX2a w/ watermark, F-VF \$578 (\$620) Bennett
- UC2a (UPSS A4), F+ w/ C3 F-VF added, air-mail flight 2/10/29 CZ to USA, Cristobal cancel, #48 (\$190) Kukstis
- U15 (UPSS 37), mint entire, VF \$121 (\$250) Bennett
- UF1 (UPSS R1), mint entire F-VF \$1760 (\$1750) Bennett
- UX5, used Balboa Hts. 6/28/22 to CZ, VF \$523 (\$400) Bennett
- UX6, used Balboa Hts. 7/30/24 to Ancon, VF \$1210 (\$800) Bennett

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CZSG Mail Sale Statistics

Compiled by Richard D. Bates and Richard H. Salz

Sale Number	Total Lots in Sale	Total Lots Sold	% Lots Sold	Catalogue & Est	Gross Sales	%Cat & Est	Sale Expenses	Number of Bidders	Successful Bidders	% Successful	Vendor Charge	Year of Sale	Sale Manager
1	540	490	90.7%	17075	10621	62.2%	377	136	99	72.8%	12%	1972	G. Stilwell
2	591	555	93.9%	13620	9508	69.8%	428	185	133	71.9%	14%	1973	D. Salz
3	700	676	96.6%	16435	13705	83.4%	715	221	150	67.9%	13%	1974	G. Stilwell
4	988	916	92.7%	27700	22758	82.2%	778	261	177	67.8%	11%	1975	D. Salz
5	881	826	93.8%	36585	23625	64.4%	759	221	168	76.0%	11%	1976	G. Stilwell
6	932	892	95.7%	38800	29179	75.2%	903	258	186	72.1%	11%	1977	D. Salz
7	978	894	91.4%	45635	29323	64.3%	1031	212	167	78.8%	10%	1978	G. Stilwell
8	764	735	96.2%	42750	28752	67.3%	969	242	171	70.7%	10%	1979	D. Salz
9	820	805	98.2%	53003	41945	79.1%	1609	249	175	70.3%	10%	1980	D. Salz
10	849	810	95.4%	81000	64153	79.2%	2256	291	198	68.0%	10%	1981	D. Salz
11	1244	1177	94.6%	95000	58751	61.8%	3230	270	196	72.6%	10%	1982	D. Bates
12	895	826	92.3%	70350	49691	70.6%	2698	266	184	69.2%	10%	1983	D. Salz
13	1200	1067	88.9%	124895	81111	64.9%	3823	253	203	80.2%	10%	1984	G. Stilwell
14	900	795	88.3%	94007	68144	72.5%	2597	280	207	73.9%	10%	1985	D. Salz
15	1028	897	87.3%	123575	87331	70.7%	4023	266	193	72.6%	10%	1986	G. Stilwell
16	957	886	92.6%	127041	87600	69.0%	3982	260	189	72.7%	10%	1987	D. Salz
17	1242	1075	86.6%	124510	78355	62.9%	5248	240	197	82.1%	10%	1988	D. Bates
18	969	868	89.6%	132783	82437	62.1%	4540	245	183	74.7%	10%	1989	D. Salz
19	1037	900	86.8%	127093	83160	65.4%	4834	239	179	74.9%	10%	1990	G. Stilwell
20	965	884	91.6%	123645	83763	67.7%	4839	240	184	76.7%	10%	1991	D. Salz
21	1257	1027	81.7%	165764	95500	57.6%	5427	236	177	75.0%	10%	1992	B. Wilde
22	931	808	86.8%	123806	73561	59.4%	4993	208	161	77.4%	10%	1993	D. Salz
23	1381	1226	88.8%	186922	94010	50.3%	4297	218	168	77.1%	10%	1994	D. Bates
24	971	793	81.7%	122098	78887	64.6%	3554	232	181	78.0%	10%	1995	D. Salz
25	764	660	86.4%	103910	49584	47.7%	3576	162	92	56.8%	10%	1996	Bates/Wilde
26	881	810	91.9%	97812	65132	66.6%	3047	201	147	73.1%	10%	1997	D. Salz
27	944	841	89.1%	101261	43943	43.4%	2852	201	162	80.6%	10%	1998	J. Craig
TOTAL	25609	23139	NA	2417075	1534529	NA	77385	6293	4627	NA	NA		
AVERAGE	948	857	90.7%	89521	56834	66.1%	2866	233	171	73.5%	10.4%		

Auctions

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Panama MPS

Late news from the former Canal Zone is that the two remaining Military Postal Service Offices are to be closed as soon as possible. The present schedule calls for Fort Clayton (APO 34004, Miami, FL 34004) to close its Post Office on October 1st, followed by Howard AFB (APO 34001, Miami FL 34001) on October 10th. A possibility exists that any cleanup operations will be conducted at Corozal. Ultimately the few remaining U.S. employees may have use of Embassy facilities in Panama City. At the present time there are approximately 250 U.S. personnel present, most of whom will leave by the end of the year.

How Many C7-C14 Were Really Issued?

By Paul F. Ammons

Pages 334-335 of *Canal Zone Stamps (CZS)* and a number of stamp catalogs most likely provide incorrect quantities issued information for all but one of the eight values comprising the 2nd airmail series stamps. None of the basic stamps were reported destroyed. Only the 15¢ Scott C10 was reported withdrawn, but sales of that stamp continued through the Canal Zone Postal Service (CZPS) Philatelic Agency until supplies were exhausted. The chart on page 248 of *Canal Zone Postage Stamps*, the 1961 CZPS publication often referred to as the Tatelman book, lists total quantities received by value. The widely published quantities issued information is based on those figures and fail to take into account the number of Scott C7-C14 stamps requisitioned from CZPS stock and used as official airmail stamps by the Canal Zone government. The total num-

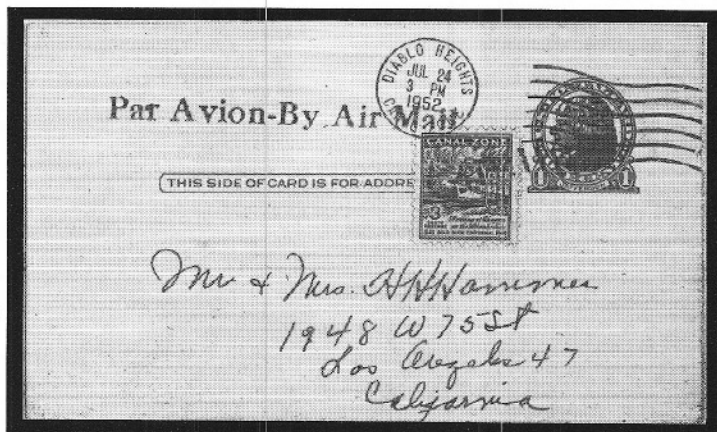
ber of stamps requisitioned, perforated with the initial 'P', and used as official airmail stamps on foreign mail from November 1931 - 1941 may never be known. The total number of stamps requisitioned and overprinted for use as official airmail stamps, Scott C01-C014, from 1941-1952 is known. Information provided below is based on the number of overprinted official airmail stamps. The differences between 'generally accepted' quantities issued and 'revised maximum' quantities issued for Scott C7-C11 are minor and range from 0.4 to 1.2%. However, the differences for C12-C14 are significant and range from 2.7 to 8.3%. All of these lower quantities issued should be included in the revision to the *CZS* Check List and future catalogs as they are reviewed and revised.

Revised Quantities Issued for C7-C14

Scott No.	Face Value	Reported Number Received	Reported Number Sold	Diverted For Overprinting	Revised Number Sold	Per Cent Change
C7	5¢	9,988,500	9,988,500	53,000	9,935,500	-0.5%
C8	6¢	9,440,000	8,440,000	40,500	9,399,500	-0.4%
C9	10¢	5,140,000	5,140,000	61,000	5,079,000	-1.2%
C10	15¢	11,961,500	11,961,500	62,500	11,899,000	-0.5%
C11	20¢	3,214,600	3,214,600	30,500	3,184,100	-0.9%
C12	30¢	1,150,000	1,150,000	30,500	1,119,500	-2.7%
C13	40¢	826,100	826,100	30,500	795,600	-3.7%
C14	\$1	406,000	406,000	33,500	372,500	-8.3%

CZP Update of Previous Articles

(from the collection of Tom Brougham)

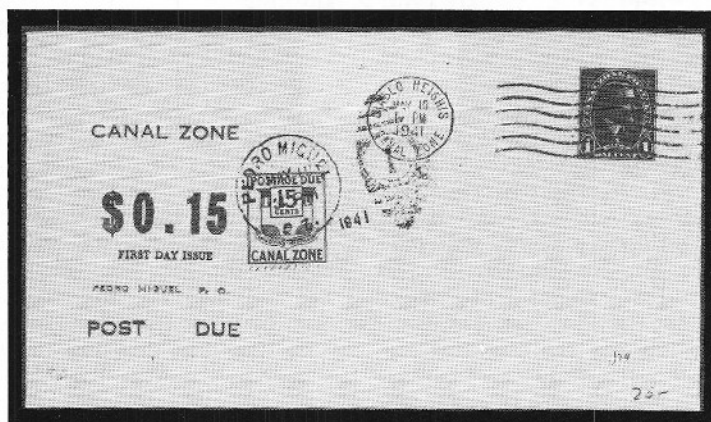


CZ UX10+3¢ added. Air Mail Postal Card with "Par Avion - By Air Mail" Handstamp "Postally used". See *CZP* 127:9, 12 and 128:24.



7¢ Postcard Rate (in effect 09/14/75 to 12/31/75). UX 18+1¢ added, Sep 25, 1975, Rare usage, see *CZP* 131:17.

Request for Information: Scott No. J29, First Day



Philatelic usage of Scott No. J29

Both the Scott Catalogue and *Canal Zone Stamps* list April 21, 1941 as the first day of issue for the 15¢ postage due, Scott No. J29. In reviewing price lists, auction catalogs, and my holdings, I found no examples of the listed first day (cover) but several references to the cover illustrated above. The cover is underfranked with a 1¢, Scott No. 105, cancelled May 10, 1941 at Diablo Heights. The printed cachet, in orange red, reads "CANAL ZONE/\$0.15/FIRST DAY OF ISSUE/POST DUE" and in a slightly more orange ink and apparently printed separately as it is impressed on the reverse, the post office name, "PEDRO MIGUEL, P.O." Also on the envelope is the recently released 15¢ postage due stamp with May 10, 1941 Pedro Miguel cancel. On the reverse of only one of my covers is the address of J.F. Reinig, known for preparing other

cached Canal Zone covers (although several auctions have called this a Kotab cachet). Why would Reinig have serviced these covers three weeks after the first day?

Although most auctions and price lists have correctly noted that this does not match the first day, the question being raised now is whether this is the earliest known usage. Also, were any similar covers prepared from other towns?

Finally, in looking at my first day covers for the lower values (Scott Nos. J25-28) issued January 2, 1932, all of my covers are from smaller towns, Gatun and Madden Dam. I also have a socked on the nose single of J26 with a clear Heights in the cancel but cannot tell if this is Balboa or Diablo. Are any other cities known? Replies should be sent to the editor.

G.B. Weiss

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